

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14 and 16-21 without prejudice or disclaimer:

1. (Previously Presented) A coated membrane for assessing the invasive capacity of a cell comprising;

- a) a porous membrane; and
- b) a composition on a surface of said membrane, said composition comprising a reconstituted and aggregated extracellular basement membrane matrix derived from Englebreth-Holm-Swarm mouse tumor, a pH 7.8 to 8.2 buffer and a polyol.

2. (Previously Presented) The coated membrane of Claim 1 wherein said porous membrane is a polymer.

3. (Previously Presented) The coated membrane of Claim 1 wherein said polyol is selected from the group consisting of a sugar, glycol and polymers and copolymers thereof.

4. (Previously Presented) The coated membrane of Claim 1 wherein said buffer comprises an aminoalcohol.

5. (Previously Presented) The coated membrane of Claim 1 further comprising a salt.

6. (Previously Presented) The coated membrane of Claim 1 which has been dried.

7. (Previously Presented) A coated membrane for assessing the invasive capacity of a cell comprising:

- a) a polyethyleneterephthalate porous membrane; and
- b) a composition on a surface of said membrane, said composition comprising a reconstituted and aggregated extracellular basement membrane matrix derived from Englebreth-

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Holm-Swarm mouse tumor, a pH 7.8-8.2 buffer comprising tris (hydroxymethyl) aminomethane, salt and sucrose.

Claims 8-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Previously Presented) The coated membrane of Claim 1 wherein said reconstituted and aggregated extracellular basement membrane matrix is an aggregated polymerized extracellular matrix.

Claims 16-21. (Cancelled)